



**United States Consulate General
Merida, Mexico
Consular Section**

**Security Message for U.S. Citizens - Possibility for Retaliation
Following TCO Arrests**

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The U.S. Embassy alerts U.S. citizens traveling and residing in Mexico to the enhanced potential for violence related to today's arrests of Transnational Criminal Organization (TCO) associates and family members residing in the United States.

This morning, U.S. federal law enforcement agents arrested associates and family members of a senior TCO member, and seized property and assets within the United States. These arrests could result in some form of retaliation and/or anti-American violence. Given the history and resources of this violent TCO, the U.S. Embassy urges U.S. citizens to maintain a low profile and a heightened sense of awareness.

If you received this email it means you are registered with us. Encourage your American friends, family, neighbors, and others you know to register with us. American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate on the State Department's travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency.

The U.S. Consulate General in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, has responsibility for the Mexican states of Quintana Roo, Yucatan, and Campeche. The Consulate can be reached during its regular business hours (M-F, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) by telephone at 999-942-5700; by fax at 999-942-5777; and by email at meridacons@state.gov. After hours, for emergencies involving U.S. citizens, call the Consulate's main number and follow instructions to be connected to the Merida duty officer.

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Main switchboard dialing from the US: 011-52-999-942-5700

Main switchboard dialing from outside Merida but within Mexico: 01-999-942-5700

Thank you.

Consular Section,

U.S. Consulate General Merida